

# YARD-MAN

OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT  
for all seasons



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## Owner's Manual

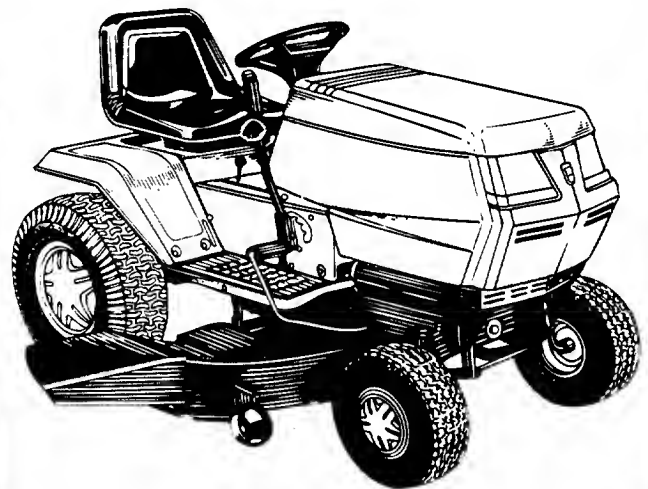
- ASSEMBLY
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- MAINTENANCE

### IMPORTANT:

Read Safety Rules and  
Instructions Carefully

## HYDROSTATIC TRACTORS

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### Model Numbers

145V834H401

145W834P401

145Y834P401


**WARNING:** This unit is equipped with an internal combustion engine and should not be used on or near any unimproved forest-covered, brush-covered or grass-covered land unless the engine's exhaust system is equipped with a spark arrester meeting applicable local or state laws (if any). If a spark arrester is used, it should be maintained in effective working order by the operator.

In the State of California the above is required by law (Section 4442 of the California Public Resources Code). Other states may have similar laws. Federal laws apply on federal lands. A spark arrester for the muffler is available through your nearest engine authorized service dealer or contact the service department, P.O. Box 368022, Cleveland, Ohio 44136-9722.

# IMPORTANT

## SAFE OPERATION PRACTICES



THIS SYMBOL POINTS OUT IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS WHICH, IF NOT FOLLOWED, COULD ENDANGER THE PERSONAL SAFETY AND/OR PROPERTY OF YOURSELF AND OTHERS. READ AND FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS IN THIS MANUAL BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO OPERATE YOUR UNIT. WHEN YOU SEE THIS SYMBOL—  **HEED ITS WARNING.**



### DANGER:

Your lawn mower was built to be operated according to the rules for safe operation in this manual. As with any type of power equipment, carelessness or error on the part of the operator can result in injury. This lawn mower is capable of amputating hands and feet and throwing objects. Failure to observe the following safety instructions could result in serious injury or death.



### I. GENERAL OPERATION

1. Read, understand, and follow all instructions in the manual and on the machine before starting. Keep this manual in a safe place for future and regular reference and for ordering replacement parts.
2. Only allow responsible individuals familiar with the instructions to operate the machine. Know controls and how to stop the machine quickly.
3. Do not put hands or feet under cutting deck or near rotating parts.
4. Clear the area of objects such as rocks, toys, wire, etc., which could be picked up and thrown by the blade. A small object may have been overlooked and could be accidentally thrown by the mower in any direction and cause injury to you or a bystander. To help avoid a thrown objects injury, keep children, bystanders and helpers at least 75 feet from the mower while it is in operation. Always wear safety glasses or safety goggles during operation or while performing an adjustment or repair, to protect eyes from foreign objects. Stop the blade(s) when crossing gravel drives, walks or roads.
5. Be sure the area is clear of other people before mowing. Stop machine if anyone enters the area.
6. Never carry passengers.
7. Disengage blade(s) before shifting into reverse and backing up. Always look down and behind before and while backing up.
8. Be aware of the mower and attachment discharge direction and do not point it at anyone. Do not operate the mower without either the entire grass catcher or the chute guard in place.
9. Slow down before turning. Operate the machine smoothly. Avoid erratic operation and excessive speed.
10. Never leave a running machine unattended. Always turn off blade(s), place transmission in neutral, set parking brake, stop engine and remove key before dismounting.
11. Turn off blade(s) when not mowing.
12. Stop engine and wait until blade(s) comes to a complete stop before (a) removing grass catcher or unclogging chute, or (b) making any repairs, adjusting or removing any grass or debris.
13. Mow only in daylight or good artificial light.
14. Do not operate the machine while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
15. Watch for traffic when operating near or crossing roadways.
16. Use extra care when loading or unloading the machine into a trailer or truck. This unit should not be driven up or down a ramp onto a trailer or truck under power, because the unit could tip over, causing serious personal injury. The unit must be pushed manually on a ramp to load or unload properly.
17. Never make a cutting height adjustment while engine is running if operator must dismount to do so.
18. Wear sturdy, rough-soled work shoes and close-fitting slacks and shirts. Do not wear loose fitting clothes or jewelry. They can be caught in moving parts. Never operate a unit in bare feet, sandals, or sneakers.
19. Check overhead clearance carefully before driving under power lines, wires, bridges or low hanging tree branches, before entering or leaving buildings, or in any other situation where

the operator may be struck or pulled from the unit, which could result in serious injury.

20. Disengage all attachment clutches, thoroughly depress the brake pedal, and shift into neutral before attempting to start engine.

21. Your mower is designed to cut normal residential grass of a height no more than 10". Do not attempt to mow through unusually tall, dry grass (e.g., pasture) or piles of dry leaves. Debris may build up on the mower deck or contact the engine exhaust presenting a potential fire hazard.



### II. SLOPE OPERATION

Slopes are a major factor related to loss of control and tip-over accidents which can result in severe injury or death. All slopes require extra caution. If you cannot back up the slope or if you feel uneasy on it, do not mow it.

For your safety, use the slope gauge included as part of this manual to measure slopes before operating this unit on a sloped or hilly area. If the slope is greater than 15° as shown on the slope gauge, do not operate this unit on that area or serious injury could result.

#### DO:

Mow up and down slopes, not across.

Remove obstacles such as rocks, limbs, etc.

Watch for holes, ruts or bumps. Uneven terrain could overturn the machine. **Tall grass can hide obstacles.**

Use slow speed. Choose a low enough gear so that you will not have to stop or shift while on the slope. Always keep machine in gear when going down slopes to take advantage of engine braking action.

Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for wheel weights or counterweights to improve stability.

Use extra care with grass catchers or other attachments. These can change the stability of the machine.

Keep all movement on the slopes **slow** and **gradual**. Do not make sudden changes in speed or direction. Rapid engagement or braking could cause the front of the machine to lift and rapidly flip over backwards which could cause serious injury.

Avoid starting or stopping on a slope. If tires lose traction, disengage the blade(s) and proceed slowly **straight** down the slope.

#### DO NOT:

**Do not** turn on slopes unless necessary; then, turn slowly and gradually downhill, if possible.

**Do not** mow near drop-offs, ditches or embankments. The mower could suddenly turn over if a wheel is over the edge of a cliff or ditch, or if an edge caves in.

**Do not** mow on wet grass. Reduced traction could cause sliding.

**Do not** try to stabilize the machine by putting your foot on the ground.

**Do not** use grass catcher on steep slopes.



### III. CHILDREN

Tragic accidents can occur if the operator is not alert to the presence of children. Children are often attracted to the machine and the mowing activity. **Never** assume that children will remain where you last saw them.

# CONTENTS OF HARDWARE PACK

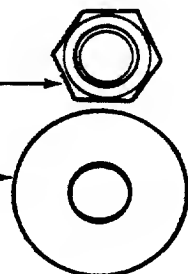
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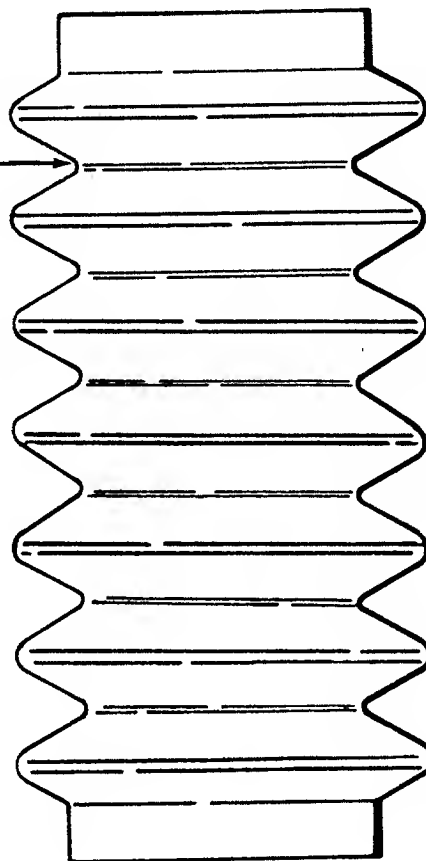
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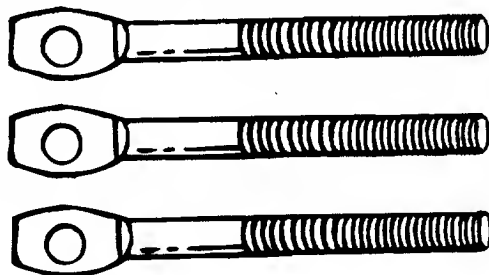


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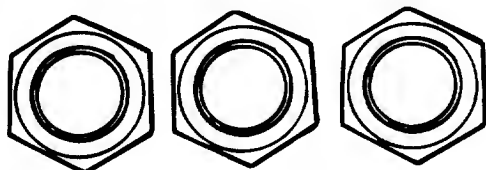
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## B ATTACHING THE DECK LINKS



Eyebolts  
(711-0817)  
(Not Shown to Scale)



Hex Nuts  
1/2-13 Thread  
(712-0206)

## C FINAL ASSEMBLY

Mounting Clips  
(727-0425A)  
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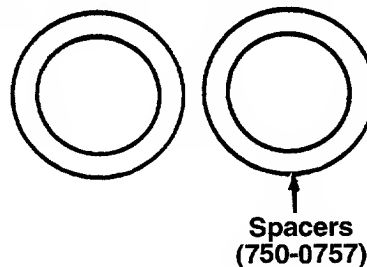


## D IGNITION KEYS

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## E ATTACHING THE DECK (50" Deck Only)

NOTE: Refer to page 4 for 46" Deck



Spacers  
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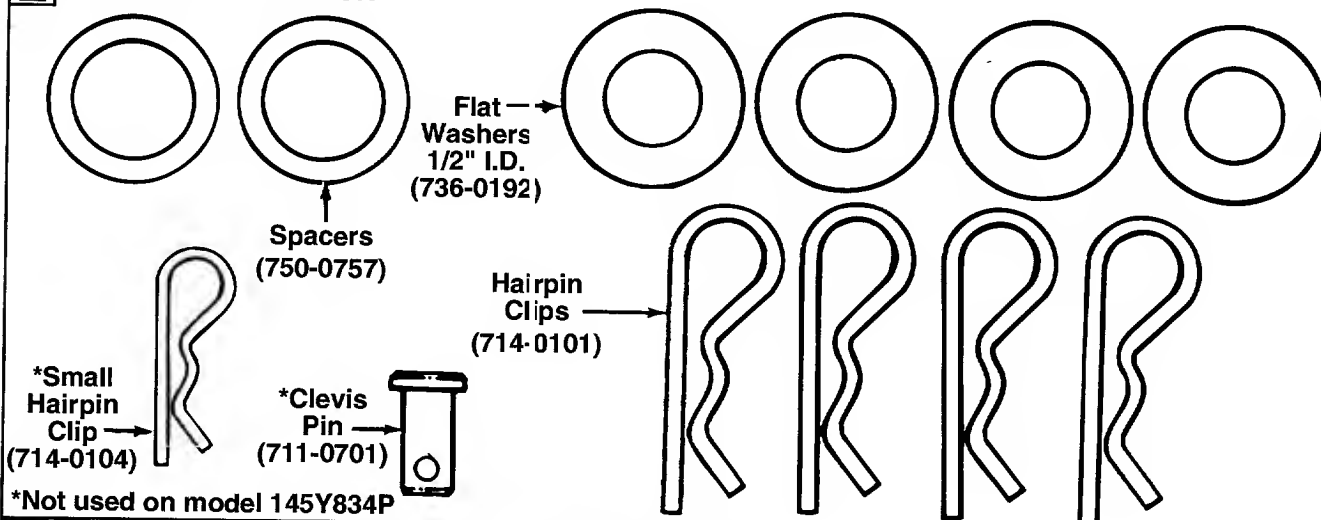
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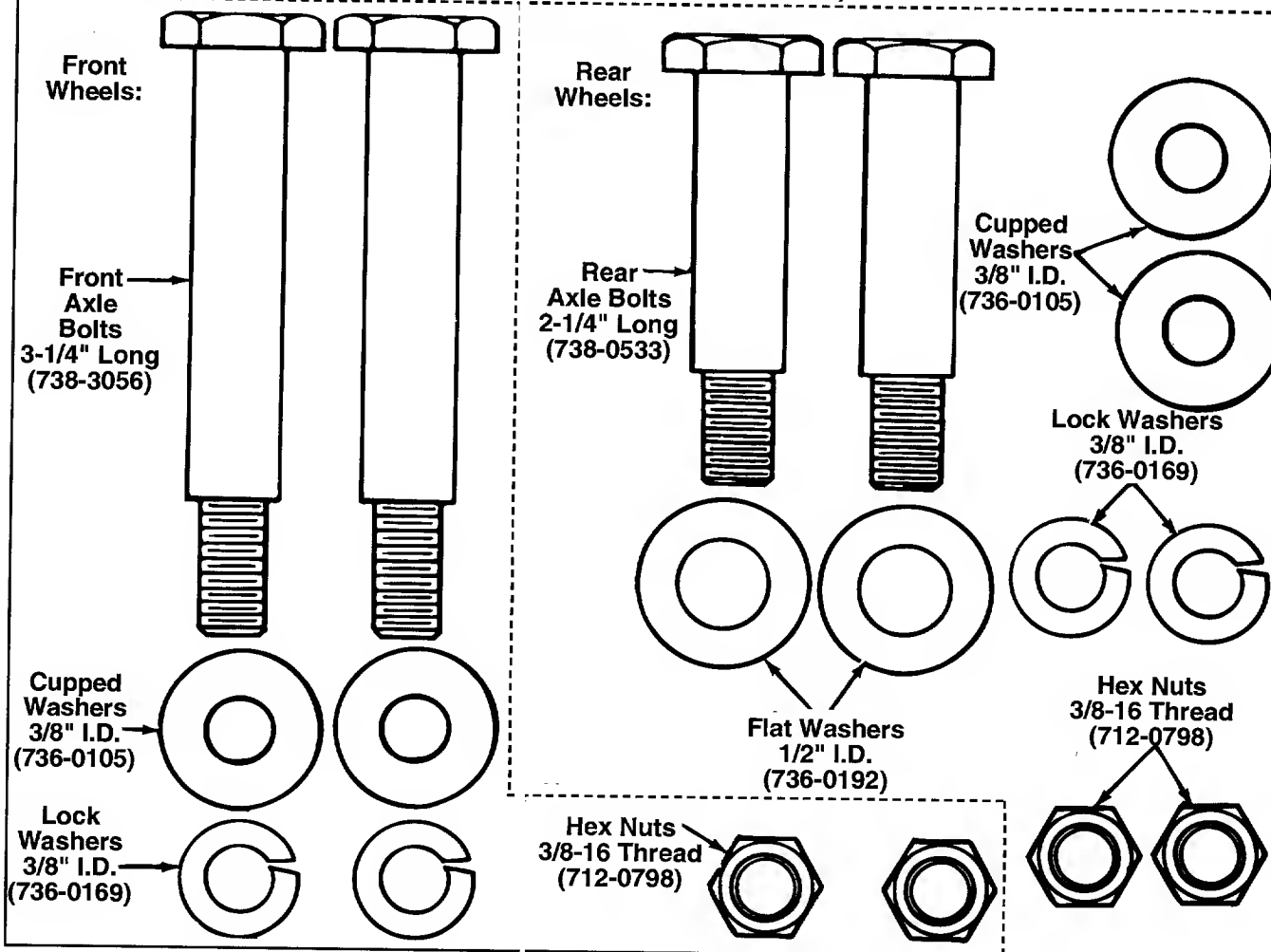
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## E ATTACHING THE DECK



## F ATTACHING THE DECK WHEELS (Deck Wheels are Not Shown)



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1. Keep children out of the mowing area and in watchful care of an adult other than the operator.
2. Be alert and turn machine off if children enter the area.
3. Before and when backing, look behind and **down** for small children.
4. Never carry children. They may fall off and be seriously injured or interfere with the safe machine operation.
5. Never allow children under 14 years old to operate the machine. Children 14 years and over should only operate machine under close parental supervision and proper instruction.
6. Use extra care when approaching blind corners, shrubs, trees or other objects that may obscure your vision of a child or other hazard.
7. Remove key when machine is unattended to prevent unauthorized operation.

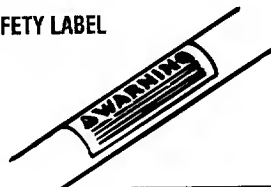
#### **IV. SERVICE**

1. Use extreme care in handling gasoline and other fuels. They are extremely flammable and the vapors are explosive.
  - a. Use only an approved container.
  - b. Never remove fuel cap or add fuel with the engine running. Allow engine to cool at least two minutes before refueling.
  - c. Replace fuel cap securely and wipe off any spilled fuel before starting the engine as it may cause a fire or explosion.
  - d. Extinguish all cigarettes, cigars, pipes and other sources of ignition.
  - e. Never refuel the machine indoors because fuel vapors will accumulate in the area.
  - f. Never store the fuel container or machine inside where there is an open flame or spark, such as a gas hot water heater, space heater or furnace.
2. Never run a machine inside a closed area.
3. To reduce fire hazard, keep the machine free of grass, leaves or other debris build-up. Clean up oil or fuel spillage. Allow machine to cool at least 5 minutes before storing.
4. Before cleaning, repairing or inspecting, make certain the blade and all moving parts have stopped. Disconnect the spark plug wire, and keep the wire away from the spark plug to prevent accidental starting.
5. Check the blade and engine mounting bolts at frequent intervals for proper tightness. Also, visually inspect blade for damage (e.g., excessive wear, bent, cracked). Replace with blade which meets original equipment specifications.
6. Keep all nuts, bolts and screws tight to be sure the equipment is in safe working condition.
7. Never tamper with safety devices. Check their proper operation regularly. Use all guards as instructed in this manual.
8. After striking a foreign object, stop the engine, remove the wire from the spark plug and thoroughly inspect the mower for any damage. Repair the damage before restarting and operating the mower.
9. Grass catcher components are subject to wear, damage and deterioration, which could expose moving parts or allow objects to be thrown. For your safety protection, frequently check components and replace with manufacturer's recommended parts when necessary.
10. Mower blades are sharp and can cut. Wrap the blade(s) or wear gloves and use extra caution when servicing blade(s).
11. Check brake operation frequently. Adjust and service as required.
12. Muffler, engine and belt guards become hot during operation and can cause a burn. Allow to cool down before touching.
13. Do not change the engine governor settings or overspeed the engine. Excessive engine speeds are dangerous.
14. Observe proper disposal laws and regulations. Improper disposal of fluids and materials can harm the environment and the ecology.
  - a. Prior to disposal, determine the proper method to dispose of waste from your local Environmental Protection Agency. Recycling centers are established to properly dispose of materials in an environmentally safe fashion.
  - b. Use proper containers when draining fluids. Do not use food or beverage containers that may mislead someone into drinking from them. Properly dispose of the containers immediately following the draining of fluids.
  - c. DO NOT pour oil or other fluids into the ground, down a drain or into a stream, pond, lake or other body of water. Observe Environmental Protection Agency regulations when disposing of oil, fuel, coolant, brake fluid, filters, batteries, tires and other harmful waste.

**OWNER'S  
MANUAL**



**SAFETY LABEL**



**WARNING — YOUR RESPONSIBILITY**

Restrict the use of this power machine to persons who read, understand and follow the warnings and instructions in this manual and on the machine.

## **ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS**

**IMPORTANT:** After assembly, service engine with gasoline, and check oil level as instructed in the separate engine manual. Do not overfill.

**NOTE:** Reference to right or left hand side of the unit is observed from the driver's seat, facing forward.

### **UNPACKING**

1. Remove the carton from the tractor as follows. Open the top flaps and remove all carton inserts. Carefully cut on dotted line all the way around the carton. Lift the carton off the tractor. Remove the deck from beneath the tractor. Roll the tractor off the skid. Make certain all parts and literature have been removed from the carton before the carton is discarded.
2. Remove page three from this manual and lay the contents of the hardware pack according to the illustration for identification.

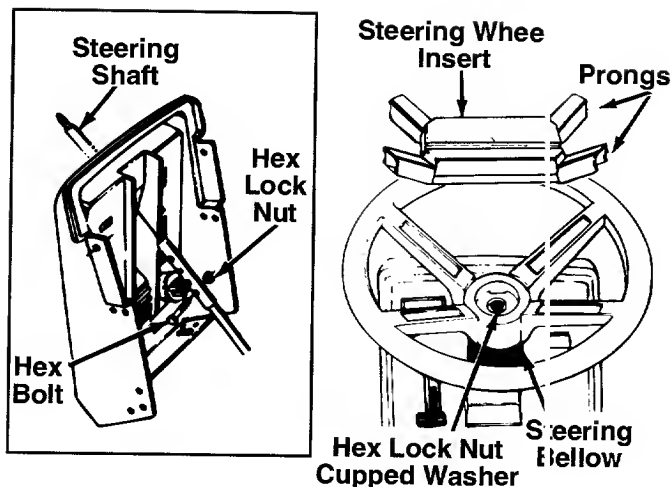


FIGURE 1.

## STEERING WHEEL INSTALLATION (Hardware A)

1. There are four height positions for the steering wheel. For shipping purposes, the steering shaft is assembled in the lowest position. Lift the hood of the tractor. Remove the hex bolt and hex lock nut on the steering shaft. Raise the shaft to desired position and secure with hex bolt and hex lock nut. See figure 1.
2. Position the front wheels of the tractor so they are pointing straight forward.
3. Place the steering bellow, then steering wheel over the steering shaft extending through the dash, positioning steering wheel as desired.
4. Place the washer with the cupped side down over the steering shaft. Secure with 5/16" hex lock nut.
5. Place the steering wheel insert over the center of the steering wheel, and press on by hand.

## BATTERY INFORMATION



### WARNING

- A. Battery acid must be handled with great care as contact with it can burn and blister the skin. It is also advisable to wear protective clothing (goggles, rubber gloves and apron) when working with it.\*
- B. Should battery acid accidentally splatter into the eyes or onto the face, rinse the affected area immediately with clean, cold water. If there is any further discomfort, seek prompt medical attention.
- C. If acid spills on clothing, first dilute it with clean water, then neutralize with a solution of ammonia/water or baking soda/water.

- D. Since battery acid is corrosive, do not pour it into any sink or drain. Before discarding empty electrolyte containers, rinse them with a neutralizing solution.
- E. NEVER connect or disconnect charger clips to battery while charger is turned on as it can cause sparks.
- F. Keep all lighted materials (cigarettes, matches, lighters) away from the battery as the hydrogen gas generated during charging can be combustible.
- G. As a further precaution, only charge the battery in a well-ventilated area.  
\*Always shield eyes, protect skin and clothing when working near batteries.

## ACTIVATING AND CHARGING THE BATTERY

Do not activate battery (fill with battery acid) until battery is actually placed in service. Be certain to read previous warnings before activating the battery.

1. Remove the battery from the tractor by lifting the hood and removing the wing nuts and battery cover.
2. Activate the battery as instructed in the "Quick Start" brochure included with the battery fluid.  
**Read instructions carefully.**

**NOTE:** You can continue assembling the tractor while battery is standing for 30 minutes (after filling with acid), and later while you are charging the battery.

**IMPORTANT:** To obtain the maximum life from your battery, it **MUST BE CHARGED** prior to initial use.

**CHARGE THE BATTERY** after the 30 minute standing period. Use a 12-volt automotive type battery charger to SLOW CHARGE THE BATTERY (DO NOT FAST CHARGE). DO NOT use a charger rated higher than 10 amps. **Charge the battery** for a minimum of 2 hours or until battery is fully charged.



### DANGER

**Battery contains sulfuric acid. Refer to warning at right.** Antidote: EXTERNAL—Flush with water. INTERNAL—Drink large quantities of water or milk. Follow with milk of magnesia, beaten egg or vegetable oil. Seek prompt medical attention. EYES: Flush with cool water for at least 15 minutes, then seek immediate medical attention.

**Since batteries produce explosive gases, keep all lighted materials (cigarettes, lighters, matches, etc.) away.** Be sure to charge battery only in well-ventilated areas.

**KEEP BATTERIES  
OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN!**

**NOTE:** The information listed above is for initial charge. Refer to the Maintenance section of this manual for battery care and charging instructions to obtain the maximum life from your battery.

**IMPORTANT:** After battery has been charged, add only distilled water. DO NOT add acid.

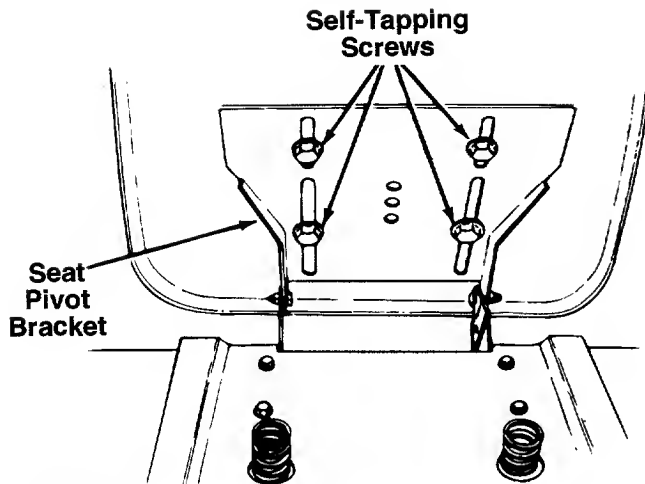


FIGURE 2.

### SEAT ASSEMBLY

Remove the four hex self-tapping screws from the bottom of the seat. Place the seat in position against the seat pivot bracket, lining up the slotted holes in the pivot bracket with the holes in the seat. Select desired position for the seat, and secure with hex self-tapping screws. See figure 2.

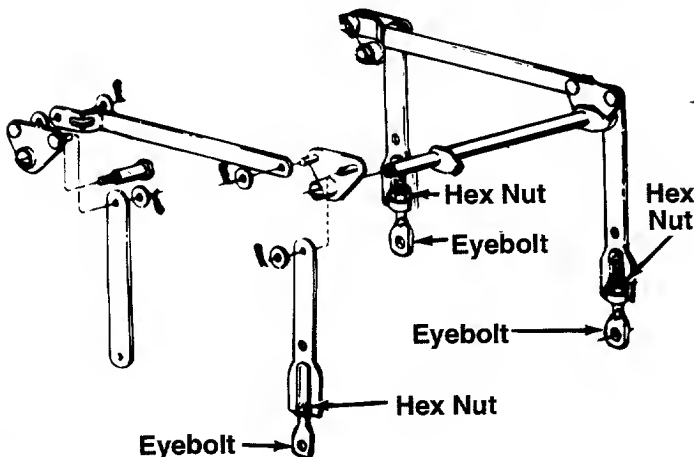
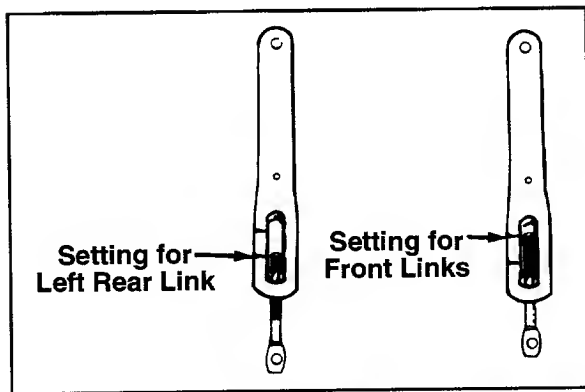


FIGURE 3.

### ATTACHING THE DECK LINKS (Hardware B)

The three adjustable deck links have been shipped unassembled. Attach as follows.

1. Start 1/2" hex nuts on eyebolts provided. Insert the hex nuts and eyebolts into the adjustable lift links as shown in figure 3.
2. Thread eyebolts into the lift links and hex nuts. The left rear link should be adjusted so the eyebolt is to the **lower** mark as shown. The two front links should be adjusted to the **higher** mark.

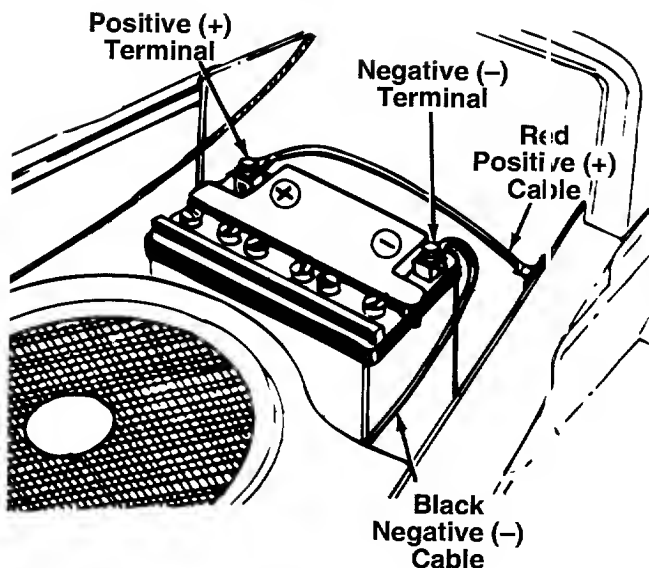


FIGURE 4.

## INSTALLING THE BATTERY

1. Place the battery on the battery plate with the terminals toward the rear of the tractor.
2. Remove the hex bolt and hex nut from each battery terminal.
3. Attach the positive cable (heavy red wire) to the positive battery terminal (+) with one hex bolt and hex nut. See figure 4.

**NOTE:** The positive battery terminal is marked Pos. (+). The negative battery terminal is marked Neg. (-).

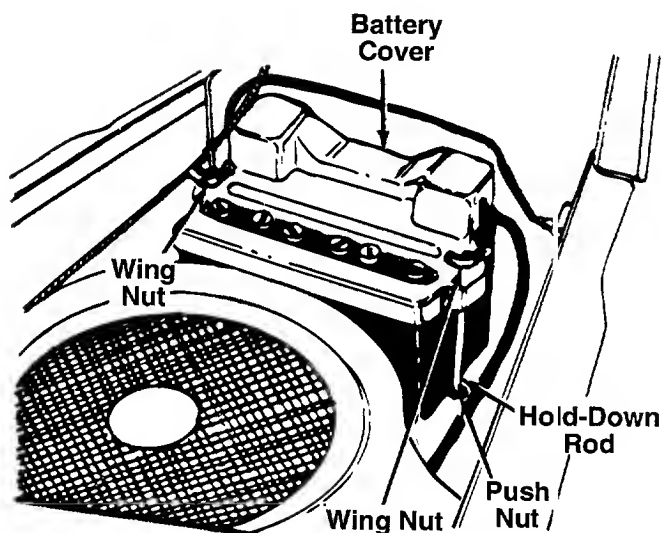


FIGURE 5.

4. Attach the negative cable (heavy black wire) to the negative battery terminal (-) with the other hex bolt and hex nut.
5. Place the black plastic battery cover in position over the hold-down rods. Secure with wing nuts.

**NOTE:** It may be necessary to pull up on the hold-down rods in order to start the wing nuts.

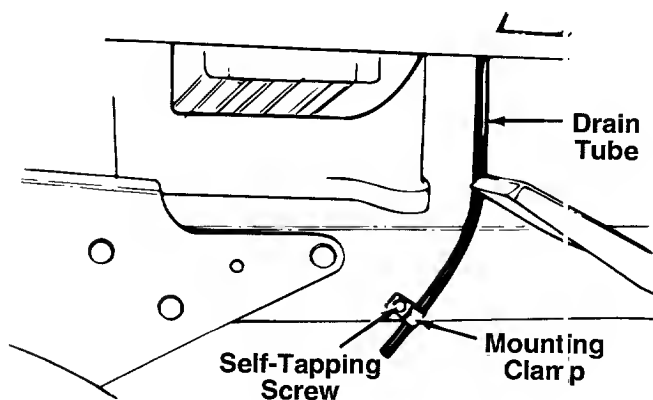


FIGURE 6.

6. Route the battery drain tube over to the **left** side of the tractor. Loosen the self-tapping screw which secures the mounting clamp. See figure 6. Slip the end of the drain tube into the mounting clamp. Tighten the self-tapping screw to secure the clamp. Do not overtighten which could collapse the drain tube.

**NOTE:** The vented battery allows any gases or liquid from the battery to be drained onto the ground.

7. Trim end of drain tube if more than 1 inch extends below the frame.



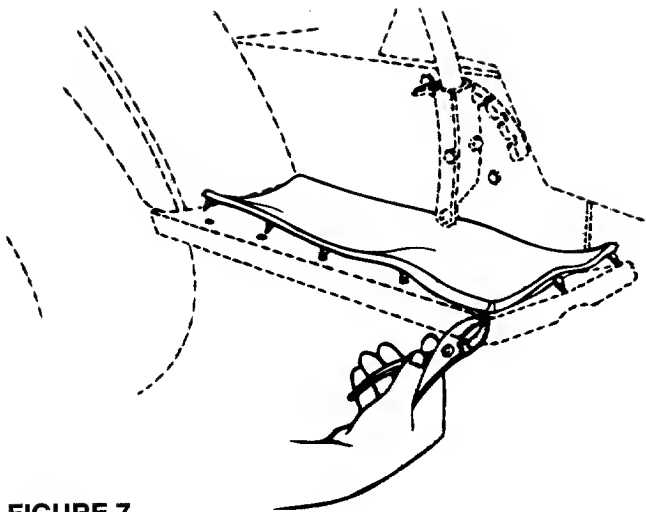


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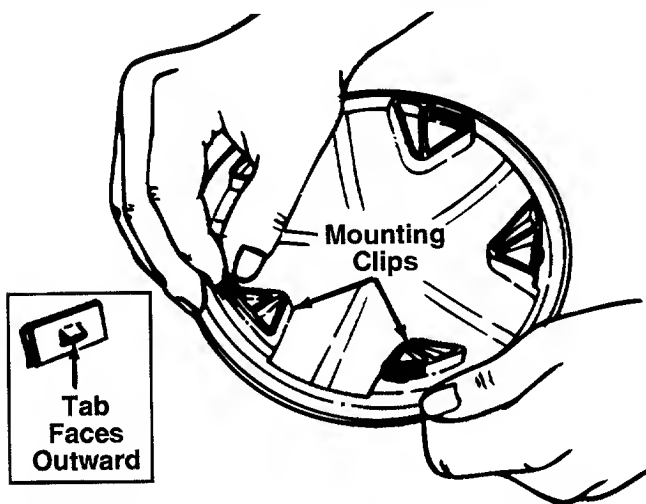


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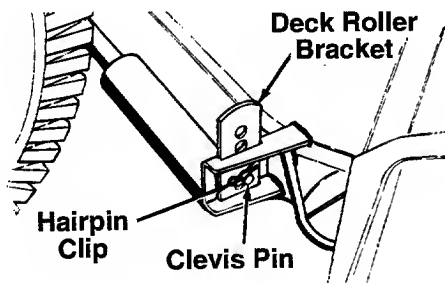


FIGURE 9.—50" Deck

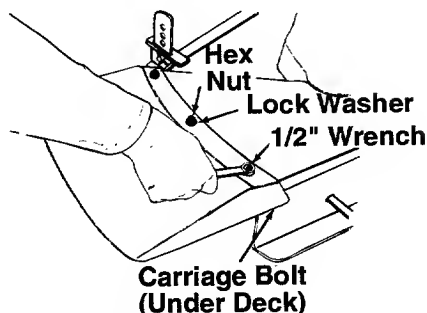


FIGURE 10.—50" Deck

## FINAL TRACTOR ASSEMBLY (Hardware C)

1. If not already assembled, attach foot pads as follows. Position one foot pad on top of the running board on the tractor, lining up the studs on the bottom of pad with the holes in the running board. Pull the studs through the holes in the running board using a pair of pliers. Repeat on other side of tractor. See figure 7.
2. If not already assembled, attach the four hub caps as follows.
  - a. Slide five mounting clips on each hub cap as shown in figure 8, with the tabs on the mounting clips facing outward.
  - b. Line up hub caps with wheel rims. Push hub caps on by hand.
3. Make certain **all** nuts and bolts are tightened securely.

## TIRE PRESSURE

The tires on your unit may be over-inflated for shipping purposes. Reduce the tire pressure before operating the unit. Recommended operating tire pressure is approximately 12 p.s.i. (check sidewall of tire for tire manufacturer's recommended pressure).



**WARNING:** Maximum tire pressure under any circumstances is 30 p.s.i. Equal tire pressure should be maintained on all tires.

## ASSEMBLING THE CUTTING DECK

**46" Decks:** Layout the hardware pack according to the illustration on page 4.

**50" Decks:** The deck has been shipped with all necessary hardware attached to the deck except the spacers.

## ATTACHING THE DECK ROLLER (50" DECK ONLY)

- ← Remove the hairpin clips and clevis pins from each end of the deck roller. Insert the deck roller brackets up through the brackets provided on the rear of the deck. Attach with clevis pins and hairpin clips just removed, using the same hole location on each side of the deck. See figure 9.

## ATTACHING THE CHUTE DEFLECTOR



**WARNING:** Do not operate the tractor unless the chute deflector has been properly installed.

- ← Remove the carriage bolts, hex nuts and lock washers which are attached to the deck next to the chute opening. Place the chute deflector in position as shown in figure 10 or 11. Secure with hardware just removed.

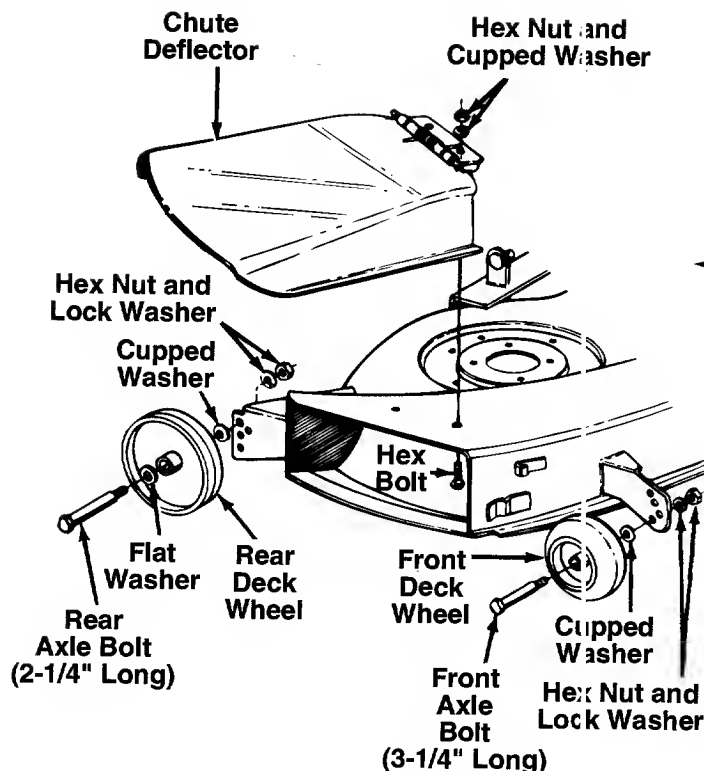


FIGURE 11.—46" Deck

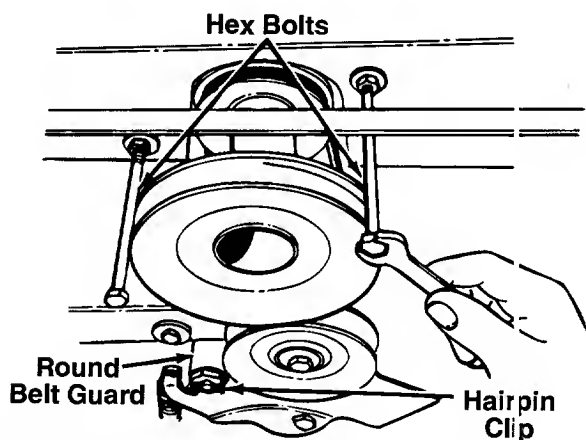


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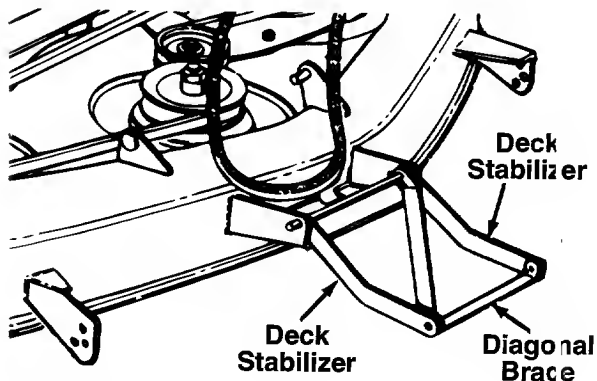


FIGURE 13.

## ATTACHING THE DECK WHEELS

### (46" Deck Only—Hardware F)

Attach the wheels to the deck as follows. All wheels must be placed in the same relative position.

#### Front Wheels:

Place front deck wheel on front axle bolt (3-1/4" long), then the cupped washer (crowned side of washer goes against the wheel). See figure 11. Secure to front of deck with lock washer and hex nut. Tighten securely.

#### Rear Wheels:

Place flat washer 1/2" I.D. on rear axle bolt (2-1/4" long), then the deck wheel and cupped washer (crowned side of washer goes against the wheel). See figure 11. Secure to rear of deck with lock washer and hex nut. Tighten securely.

## ATTACHING THE CUTTING DECK (Hardware E)

**NOTE:** Disregard steps 1, 9 and 11 on model 145Y834P.

1. **Models 145V834H and 145W834P:** Working beneath the tractor, remove the round belt guard from the idler by removing the hairpin clip. See figure 12. Remove the two hex bolts which act as belt keepers by the engine pulley.

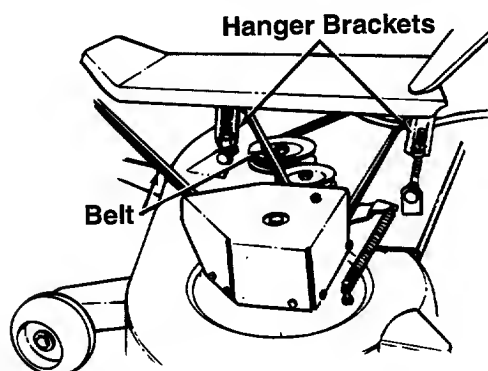
2. Move the tractor lift handle all the way back to the full raised position. Turn the tractor steering wheel all the way to the left.

3. The two deck stabilizers and the diagonal brace which are attached to the front of the deck are folded back over the deck for shipping purposes. Unfold them at this time. See figure 13.

4. Slide the deck under the tractor from the right side as you lift the stabilizers and diagonal brace over the right front wheel.

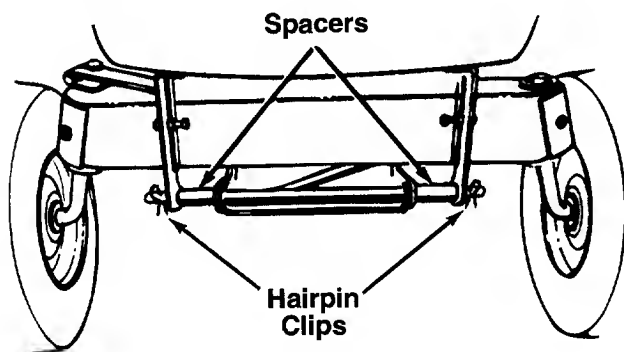
5. Move tractor lift handle forward to the lowest position.

6. Attach the four tractor hanger brackets to the deck as follows. The left front tractor hanger bracket goes through the center of the V-belt. See figure 14. Attach the rear hanger brackets first, then the front, using four flat washers and hairpin clips.



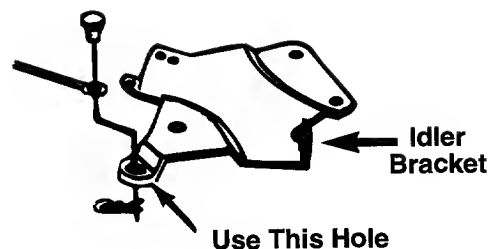
**FIGURE 14.**

7. Disassemble the front cross bar from the tractor by removing two hairpin clips. Use the cross bar to attach the deck stabilizers, the diagonal brace and two spacers to the tractor frame, using the forward set of holes. Secure with the two hairpin clips just removed. See figure 15.
8. Place the deck belt around the engine pulley and idler pulley.



**FIGURE 15.**

9. **Models 145V834H and 145W834P:** Replace the round belt guard by the idler pulley (hex side down). Replace the hex bolts (belt keepers) by the engine pulley. Refer to figure 12.
10. Check all belt guards for clearance. The belt guards must be between 1/16" and 1/8" away from the belt when the PTO lever or switch is in the engaged or on position (be certain to disengage the PTO after checking).
11. **Models 145V834H and 145W834P:** Secure the brake release cable to the tractor idler bracket with clevis pin and small hairpin clip, using the hole in the idler bracket as shown in figure 16.



**FIGURE 16.—Underneath Tractor**

## LEVELING THE DECK

After attaching the deck to the tractor, check to be certain it is adjusted properly.

1. Check tire pressure in all four tires. Recommended pressure is 12 p.s.i.
2. Make certain both ends of the deck roller are mounted in same hole location (50" deck) or all deck wheels are mounted in same relative location (46" deck).
3. On a level surface, lower the deck until it is 1-1/4" to 2" above the ground.

Check to be certain the distance from the bottom edge of the deck to the ground is the same on both sides of the deck. If it is not, adjust the links on the left side of the unit.

**NOTE:** When adjusting the deck links, remove the hairpin clip and washer from the weld bolt. Thread eyebolt up or down the link as necessary, and reassemble.

Check to be certain the front of the deck is 1/8" to 1/4" lower than the rear of the deck. If it is not, adjust the two front links to obtain this distance.

## SETTING THE CUTTING HEIGHT

Select the position for the tractor lift lever which gives the desired cutting height. Then move the deck roller or deck wheels to be 1/4 to 1/2 inches above the ground.

**NOTE:** To obtain the best, uniform cut, the deck is designed to be suspended from the tractor at the desired cutting height. The deck roller or deck wheels should be just off the ground, to smooth out the cut and guard against gouging.



**WARNING:** Keep hands and feet away from the chute area on cutting deck.

# CONTROLS

## IGNITION SWITCH

The ignition switch is located on the dashboard. Turn the key to the START position to start the engine. When the engine is running, leave the key in the ON position. To stop the engine, turn the key to the OFF position. See figure 17.



**WARNING:** Remove the key from the tractor when the tractor is not in use to prevent accidental starting.

## THROTTLE CONTROL

The throttle control is located on the left side of the dashboard and is used to regulate the engine speed. See figure 17. The engine should be operated from 3/4 to full throttle (FAST) when operating any equipment that uses the tractor engine as a source of power such as the mowing deck, snow thrower or rotary tiller.

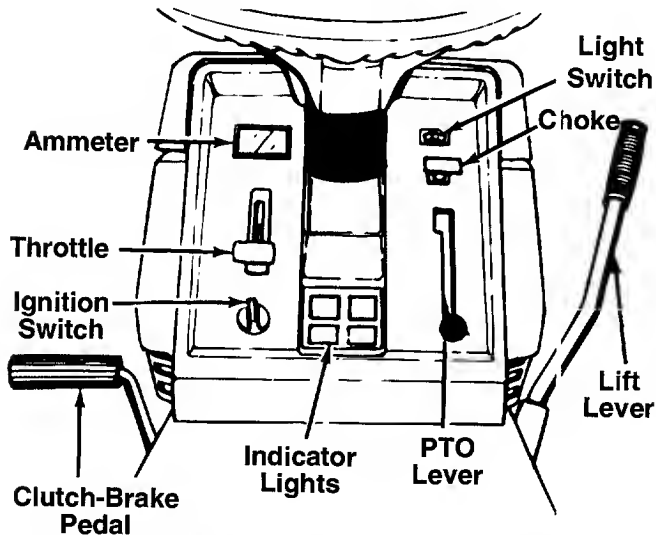


FIGURE 17A.—Models 145V834H and 145W834P

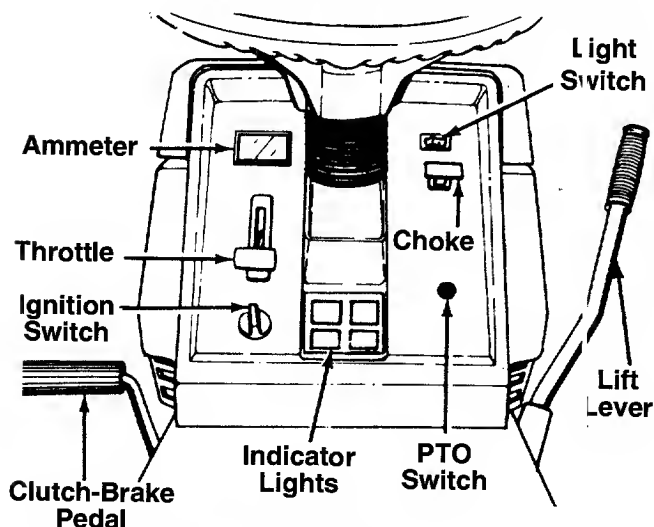


FIGURE 17B.—Model 145Y834P

## CHOKE CONTROL

The choke control is located on the right side of the dashboard and is operated manually. Details for the choke operation are covered in the separate engine manual packed with your unit. See figure 17.

## LIGHT SWITCH

The head lamps are operated by pushing the light switch located on the dashboard. The head lamps will only operate when the engine is running. See figure 17.

## AMMETER

The ammeter registers the rate of battery charge or discharge. The ammeter will register on the discharging side when starting the engine. It should register on the opposite side (charging) when the engine is running in the fast position until the battery is completely charged. With a fully charged battery or with the engine idling, the ammeter will not show a charge. See figure 17.

## HYDROSTATIC CONTROL LEVER

The hydrostatic control lever is located on top of the fender on the left side of the tractor. This single control lever, connected to the hydrostatic transmission, controls both the speed and direction of the tractor. Infinite speed control is achieved by moving the control lever forward or backward. The farther forward or backward you move the control lever, the faster you will travel. Pulling the control lever into neutral (N) area will stop the tractor. To increase rear wheel torque (pulling power), move the control lever towards neutral (N) position. The lawn tractor responds similar to shifting to a lower gear with a gear type transmission. See figure 18.

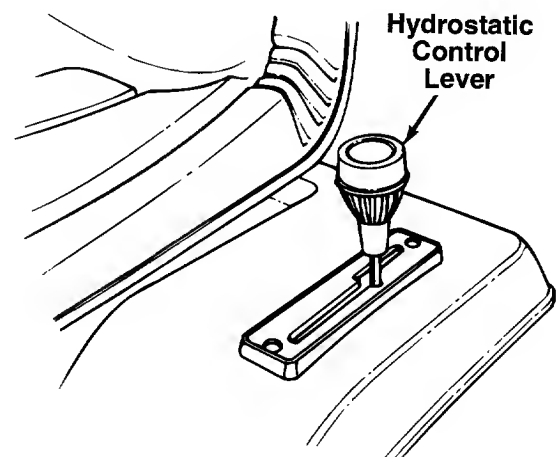


FIGURE 18.

## CLUTCH-BRAKE PEDAL

The clutch-brake pedal is located on the left side of the tractor. See figure 17. Depressing the pedal disengages the engine from the hydrostatic transmission and applies the brake.

**NOTE:** The clutch-brake pedal must be depressed to start the engine.

## PARKING BRAKE

To set the parking brake, depress the clutch-brake pedal and pull up the parking brake knob. It will stay in the raised position. To release the parking brake, depress and release the clutch-brake pedal. See figure 19.

**NOTE:** The parking brake must be set if the operator leaves the seat with the engine running.

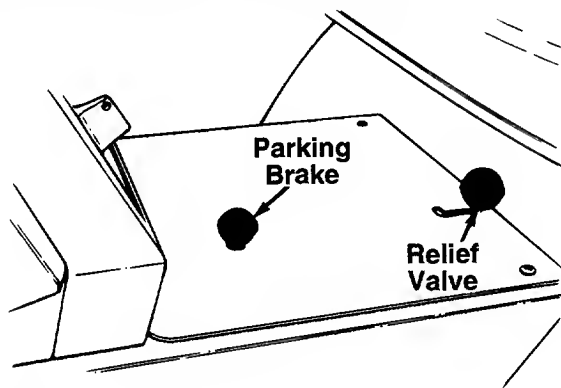


FIGURE 19.

## RELIEF VALVE

A hydrostatic relief valve is provided so the unit can be moved without the engine running. The lever which operates the relief valve is located on the console. See figure 19.

To operate the relief valve, place the hydrostatic control lever in neutral, release the parking brake, push the lever forward and to the right to lock. Be certain to release the lever by pushing it to the left before operating the engine.

## LIFT LEVER

The five position lift lever is used to change the operating position of the attachments. To operate, pull the lever towards you. To release, move the lever to the right and then forward. See figure 17.

## POWER TAKE-OFF (PTO) LEVER

(Models 145V834H and 145W834P)

The PTO lever is located on the right side of the dashboard. The PTO lever is used to engage and disengage the power to the attachments. To engage the PTO, lift the lever slowly and lock it into the notch. See figure 17A.

**NOTE:** The PTO lever **must** be in the disengaged position (down) when starting the engine, when shifting into reverse and if the operator leaves the seat.

## POWER TAKE-OFF (PTO) SWITCH

(Model 145Y834P)

The PTO switch is located on the right side of the dashboard. See figure 17B. The PTO switch **must** be in the OFF position (down) when starting the engine, when shifting into reverse and if the operator leaves the seat.

To engage the PTO switch, pull knob out and lift up to ON position, then release. The knob will return to RUN position. See figure 20.

**NOTE:** The PTO switch **must** be in OFF position when starting the engine, when shifting into reverse and if the operator leaves the seat.

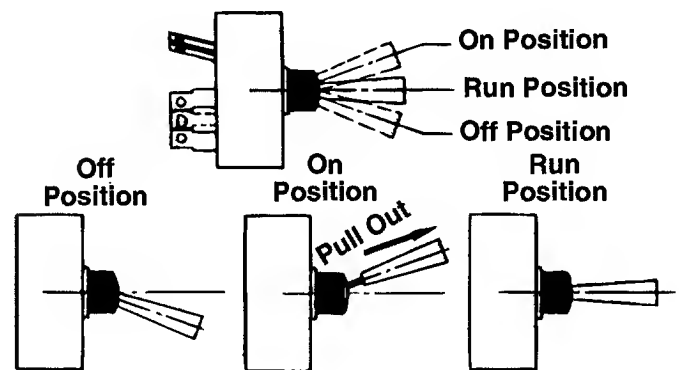


FIGURE 20.—Model 145Y834P Only

## INDICATOR LIGHTS

The unit is equipped with three indicator lights, located on the dash panel. See figure 17. If a light illuminates when attempting to start the unit, proceed as follows:

**CLUTCH**—Depress the clutch pedal.

**PTO**—Disengage the PTO.

**OIL**—Check the crankcase oil level, and add oil as required.

# OPERATION



## WARNING

### AVOID SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH

- GO UP AND DOWN SLOPES, NOT ACROSS. • AVOID SUDDEN TURNS.
- DO NOT OPERATE THE UNIT WHERE IT COULD SLIP OR TIP
- IF MACHINE STOPS GOING UPHILL, STOP BLADE(S) AND BACK DOWNHILL SLOWLY.
- DO NOT MOW WHEN CHILDREN OR OTHERS ARE AROUND.
- NEVER CARRY CHILDREN.
- LOOK DOWN AND BEHIND BEFORE AND WHILE BACKING.
- KEEP SAFETY DEVICES (GUARDS, SHIELDS, AND SWITCHES) IN PLACE AND WORKING.
- REMOVE OBJECTS THAT COULD BE THROWN BY THE BLADE(S).
- KNOW LOCATION AND FUNCTION OF ALL CONTROLS.
- BE SURE BLADE(S) AND ENGINE ARE STOPPED BEFORE PLACING HANDS OR FEET NEAR BLADE(S).
- BEFORE LEAVING OPERATOR'S POSITION, DISENGAGE BLADE(S), PLACE THE SHIFT LEVER IN NEUTRAL, ENGAGE BRAKE LOCK, SHUT ENGINE OFF AND REMOVE KEY.

READ OPERATOR'S MANUAL

## GAS AND OIL FILL-UP

Check oil level and add if necessary. Service the engine with gasoline as instructed in the separate engine manual packed with your tractor. Read instructions carefully.

**IMPORTANT:** Your tractor is shipped with oil; however, you **must** check the oil level before operating. Be careful not to overfill.

The gasoline tank is located under the seat. The filler neck is behind the seat. Do not overfill.



**WARNING:** Never fill fuel tank indoors, with engine running or while engine is hot.

## OPERATING THE TRACTOR

**IMPORTANT:** This unit is equipped with a **safety interlock system** for your protection. The purpose of the safety interlock system is to prevent the engine from cranking or starting unless the clutch-brake pedal is depressed and the PTO lever or switch is in the disengaged or OFF position. In addition, the PTO lever or switch must be in the disengaged or OFF position when the unit is put into reverse or the engine will shut off. If the operator leaves the seat with the PTO engaged or ON and/or without setting the parking brake, the engine will shut off.



**WARNING:** Do not operate the tractor if the interlock system is malfunctioning because it is a safety device, designed for protection.

1. **Models 145V834H and 145W834P:** Place the PTO lever in the disengaged (down) position.  
**Model 145Y834P:** Place the PTO switch in the OFF position.
2. Depress the clutch-brake pedal and set the parking brake.
3. Place the hydrostatic control lever in the NEUTRAL (N) position.
4. Set the throttle control in the FAST position.
5. Pull out the choke control. (A warm engine requires less choking.)
6. Turn the ignition key to the right to the START position. After the engine starts, release the key. It will return to the ON position.
7. Slowly push in the choke as the engine warms up.
8. Depress the clutch-brake pedal so the parking brake is released and then release the clutch-brake pedal.
9. Move the hydrostatic control lever forward. The farther forward you move the hydrostatic control lever, the faster you will travel.
10. To stop the tractor, pull the hydrostatic control lever into NEUTRAL (N) or depress the clutch-brake pedal.
11. To shut off the engine, turn the ignition key to the left to the OFF position. Remove the key to prevent accidental starting while equipment is unattended.

Be sure that the lawn is clear of stones, sticks, wire, or other objects which could damage lawn tractor or engine. For best results and to insure more even grass distribution, do not mow when lawn is excessively wet.



**WARNING:** Before leaving the operator's position for any reason, disengage the blades, place the shift lever in neutral, engage the parking brake, shut engine off and remove the key.

When stopping the unit to empty a grass bag, etc., follow the instructions above. This procedure will also eliminate "browning" the grass, which is caused by hot exhaust gases from a running engine.

**IMPORTANT:** If you strike a foreign object, stop the engine. Remove wire from spark plug, thoroughly inspect the mower for any damage, and repair the damage before restarting and operating the mower.

**NOTE:** If any problems are encountered, refer to the *Trouble Shooting Guide* on page 21.

GRASS COLLECTOR Model 190-083 is available as optional equipment for Model 145V834H.



**WARNING:** The mower should not be operated without the entire grass catcher or chute deflector in place.

**NOTE:** Under normal usage bag material is subject to wear, and should be checked periodically. Be sure to use only factory authorized replacement bag.

## ADJUSTMENTS



**WARNING:** Disconnect the spark plug wires and ground against the engine before performing any adjustments, repairs or maintenance.

### SEAT ADJUSTMENT

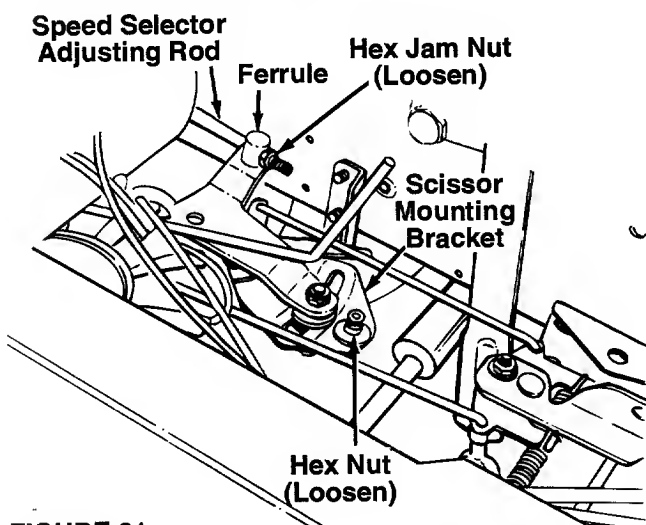
To adjust the position of the seat, loosen the four self-tapping screws on the bottom of the seat. See figure 2. Slide the seat forward or backward as desired. Retighten the self-tapping screws.

### HYDROSTATIC NEUTRAL CONTROL ADJUSTMENT

The hydrostatic transmission control is in correct adjustment when the tractor does not move with the engine running, the clutch engaged and the hydrostatic control lever in the neutral position.

If adjustment is necessary, follow these steps:

1. Raise both rear wheels off the ground by placing blocks under the rear frame.
2. Remove the transmission panel by removing the parking brake knob and truss machine screws.
3. Loosen the hex jam nut on the speed selector adjusting rod. See figure 21.



**FIGURE 21.**

4. Loosen the hex nut on the scissor mounting bracket. See figure 21.
5. Start the engine and run at full throttle.
6. Move the hydrostatic control lever until you find neutral (rear wheels do not rotate in either direction).



**WARNING:** Be careful of the cooling fan on the hydrostatic transmission.

7. Depress the clutch-brake pedal all the way and set the parking brake.
8. Shut off the engine.
9. Tighten the hex nut on the scissor mounting bracket.
10. Thread the speed selector rod in or out of the ferrule until the hydrostatic control lever lines up in the neutral position on the speed control index bracket.
11. Tighten hex jam nut against the ferrule.
12. Replace the transmission panel and parking brake knob.
13. Remove the blocks from under the frame and test the operation of the tractor.

### DECK LEVELING ADJUSTMENT

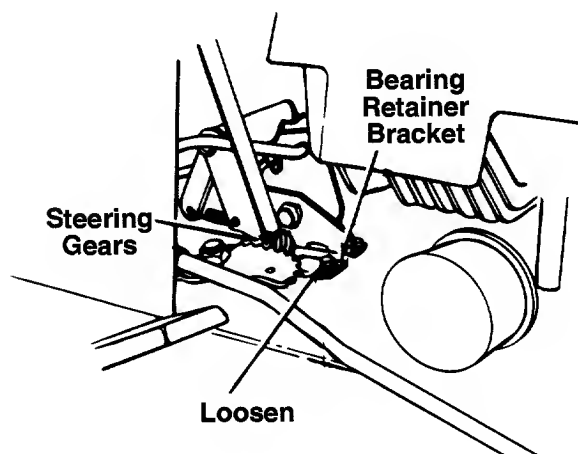
If an uneven cut is obtained, the deck may be leveled by following instructions at end of assembly section.

### STEERING WHEEL ADJUSTMENT

There are four height positions for the steering wheel. To adjust the height of the steering wheel, remove the hex bolt and hex lock nut on the steering shaft. Place the steering wheel in the position desired and secure with hex bolt and hex lock nut. Refer to figure 1.

**NOTE:** When raising the height of the steering wheel, stretch the steering bellows to cover the steering shaft.

The steering shaft may also be adjusted if there is too much play between the steering gear and segment. To adjust, loosen the hex bolt and nut on the front of the bearing retainer bracket. See figure 22. Pry the bearing retainer bracket toward the right until the steering gear engages solidly into the teeth of the steering segment. Retighten the hex bolt and nut.



**FIGURE 22.**

## BRAKE ADJUSTMENT (See figure 23)

The brake is located by the right rear wheel inside the frame. During normal operation of this machine, the brakes are subject to wear and will require periodic examination and adjustment.



**WARNING:** Do not adjust the brake while the engine is running. Be sure to block the wheels of the tractor before making the brake adjustment.

To adjust the brake, remove the cotter pin. Adjust the castle nut so the brake starts to engage when the brake lever is 1/4" to 5/16" away from the axle housing.

**NOTE:** Figure 23 is shown with the unit tipped up on rear wheels for clarity only.

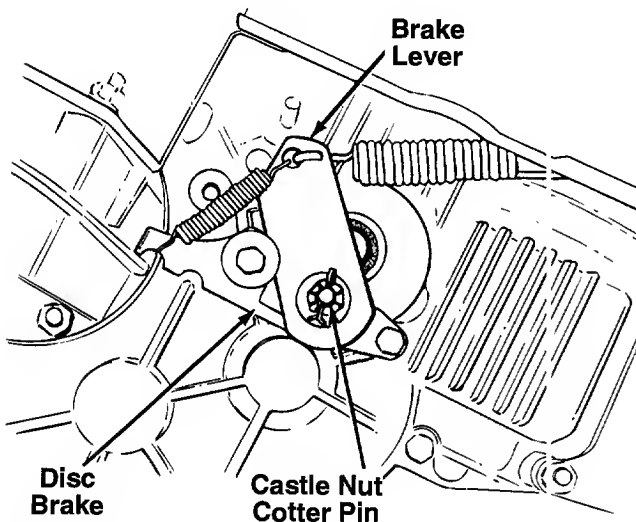


FIGURE 23.

## CARBURETOR ADJUSTMENTS



**WARNING:** If any adjustments are made to the engine while the engine is running (e.g. carburetor), disengage all clutches and blades. Keep clear of all moving parts. Be careful of heated surfaces and muffler.

Minor carburetor adjustments may be required to compensate for differences in fuel, temperature, altitude and load. Refer to separate engine manual for carburetor adjustment information.

**NOTE:** A dirty air cleaner will cause an engine to run rough. Be certain air cleaner is clean and attached to the carburetor before adjusting carburetor.

## LUBRICATION



**WARNING:** Always stop engine and disconnect spark plug wires before cleaning, lubricating or doing any kind of work on lawn tractor.

### STEERING GEARS

Lubricate teeth of steering gears with automotive multi-purpose grease after every 25 hours of operation or once a season. Refer to figure 22.

### STEERING SHAFT

Lubricate steering shaft at least once a season with light oil.

### TRANSAXLE

The transaxle is lubricated at the factory and does not require checking. If repairs are needed contact your local service dealer.

### LINKAGE

Once a season lubricate all the pivot points on the clutch, brake and lift linkage with SAE 30 engine oil.

### FRONT WHEELS

The front wheels are provided with grease fittings. The rear wheels must be removed from the axle for lubrication. Lubricate at least once a season with automotive multi-purpose grease.

### PIVOT POINTS

Lubricate all pivot points with light oil at least once a season.

### BALL JOINTS

The ball joints and drag link ends are permanently lubricated.

## MAINTENANCE



**WARNING:** Disconnect the spark plug wire and ground against the engine before performing any adjustments, repairs or maintenance.

### TROUBLE SHOOTING

Refer to the chart on page 21 for trouble shooting engine problems.

### HYDROSTATIC TRANSMISSION COOLING

The hydrostatic transmission is cooled by the oil, fan and fins. If the hydrostatic transmission runs hot, check to see if the fan is in operating condition and the fins are clean.

**NOTE:** DO NOT use high pressure water spray or steam to clean the hydrostatic transmission.

### CUTTING BLADES



**WARNING:** Protect hands by using heavy gloves or a rag to grasp the cutting blades.



The blades may be removed for sharpening or replacement as follows:

1. Remove the bolt and washer which holds the blade and adapter to the blade spindle. Remove the blade and adapter from the blade spindle.
2. **50" Decks only:** Remove the two bolts, lock washers and nuts holding the blade to the adapter. See figure 24A.

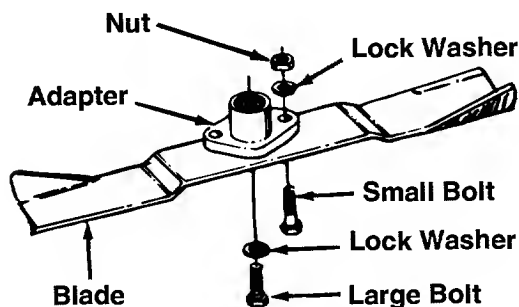


FIGURE 24A.—50" Deck

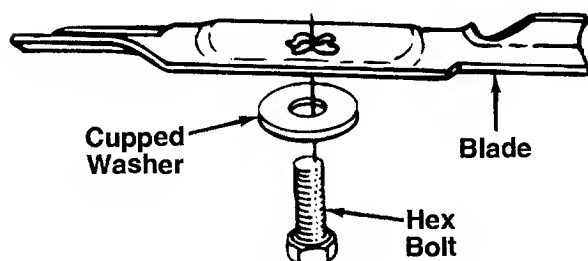


FIGURE 24B.—46" Deck

When sharpening the blades, follow the original angle of grind as a guide. It is **extremely important** that each cutting edge be ground equally to prevent an unbalanced blade. An unbalanced blade will cause excessive vibration when rotating at high speeds, may cause damage to the mower and could break, causing personal injury.

The blade can be tested for balance by balancing it on a round shaft screwdriver. Remove metal from the heavy side until it balances evenly.

When replacing the blade, be sure to install the blade with the side of the blade marked "Bottom" (or with part number) facing the ground when the mower is in the operating position.

#### Blade Mounting Torque

##### 50" Deck:

3/8 Dia. Bolt 420 in. lb. min., 500 in. lb. max.  
5/16" Dia. Bolt 200 in. lb. min., 275 in. lb. max.

##### 46" Deck:

7/16" Dia. Bolt 475 in. lb. min., 600 in. lb. max.

#### Blade Spindle Torque

**50" Deck:** If disassembled for any reason, tighten the blade spindle nuts between 80 and 100 foot pounds.

**46" Deck:** If disassembled for any reason, tighten the blade spindle screws between 200 and 275 inch pounds.

To insure safe operation of your unit, **all** nuts and bolts must be checked periodically for correct tightness.

## ENGINE

Refer to the separate engine manual for all engine maintenance instructions.

Service **air cleaner** every 10 hours under normal conditions. Clean every few hours under extremely dusty conditions. To service the air cleaner, refer to the separate engine manual packed with your unit.

The **spark plugs** should be cleaned and the gap reset once a season. Spark plug replacement is recommended at the start of each mowing season; check engine manual for correct plug type and gap specifications.

Maintain **engine oil** as instructed in the separate engine manual packed with your unit. **Read and follow instructions carefully.**

## FUEL FILTER

Your unit is equipped with a replaceable in-line fuel filter. Replace filter whenever contamination or discoloration is noticed. Order replacement filter through your authorized engine service dealer.

## CLEANING ENGINE AND DECK

Any fuel or oil spilled on the tractor should be wiped off promptly. Grass, leaves and other dirt must not be left to accumulate around the cooling fins of the engine or on any part of the machine.

Clean the underside of the deck after each mowing.

## WHEEL ADJUSTMENT

The caster (forward slant of the king pin) and the camber (tilt of the wheels out at the top) require no adjustment. Automotive steering principles have been used to determine the caster and camber on the tractor. The front wheels should toe-in 1/8 inch.

To adjust the toe-in, follow these steps.

1. Remove the hex nut and lock washer, and drop the end of the tie rod from the axle bracket. See figure 25.
2. Loosen the hex jam nut on tie rod.
3. Adjust the tie rod assembly for correct toe-in.

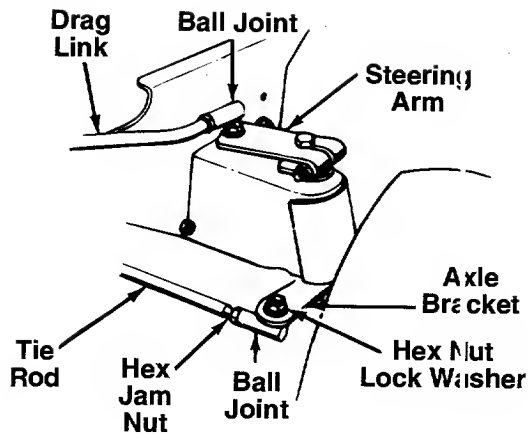


FIGURE 25.

Dimension "B" should be approximately 1/8" less than Dimension "A." See figure 26. To increase Dimension "B," screw tie rod into tie rod end. To decrease Dimension "B," unscrew tie rod from tie rod end. Reassemble tie rod. Check dimensions. Readjust if necessary.

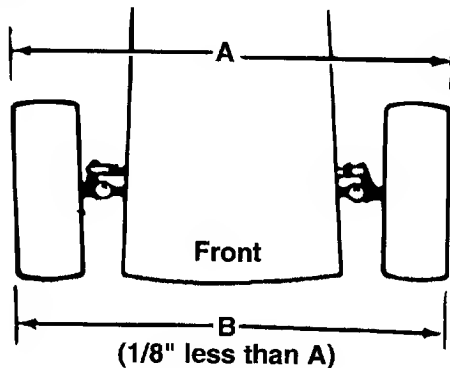


FIGURE 26.

## DRAG LINK

If the drag link or ball joints are changed, the new assembly must be adjusted to the exact same length as the original. If adjusted incorrectly, it will allow the tractor to turn sharper one direction than the other.

To take off the drag link, remove the nuts and lock washers holding the ball joint to the steering gear and right front axle bracket. See figure 25.

## BATTERY CARE AND MAINTENANCE

### CHECK FLUID LEVEL

Check fluid level inside each cell of the battery every two weeks and before and after charging. Always keep level between the LOWER LEVEL and UPPER LEVEL lines on battery.

**Add only distilled water. Never add additional acid or any other chemicals to the battery after initial activation.**

**NOTE:** After operating the lawn tractor for a long period of time, check the fluid level in the battery as it can overheat and lose fluid.

## CHARGING THE BATTERY

The engine is equipped with an alternator which charges battery when tractor is operated. Under normal conditions, the battery only needs to be charged before, during and after off-season storage. Follow the instructions under "Off-Season Storage."

**To charge the battery:** Make certain fluid level in each cell is between LOWER LEVEL and UPPER LEVEL. Use a 12 volt automotive charger which is rated less than 10 amps. Charge for a minimum of 3 hours and a maximum of 5 hours.

## REMOVING / INSTALLING / JUMP STARTING



**WARNING:** When removing or installing the battery, follow these instructions to prevent the screwdriver from shorting against the frame.

**Removing the Battery:** Disconnect negative cable first, then positive cable.

**Installing the Battery:** Connect positive cable first, then negative cable.

### Jump Starting

1. First, connect end of one jumper cable to the positive terminal of the good battery, then the other end to the positive terminal of the dead battery.
2. Connect the other jumper cable to the negative terminal of the good battery, then to the FRAME OF THE UNIT WITH THE DEAD BATTERY.



**WARNING:** Failure to use this procedure could cause sparking, and the gas in either battery could explode.

## CLEAN THE BATTERY

Clean the battery by removing it from the unit and washing with a baking soda and water solution. If necessary, scrape the battery terminals with a wire brush to remove deposits. Coat terminals and exposed wiring with grease or petroleum jelly to prevent corrosion.

## BATTERY FAILURES

Some common causes for battery failure are: incorrect initial activation, lack of water, adding chemicals other than water after initial activation, undercharging, overcharging, corroded connections, freezing. **These failures do not constitute warranty.**

## TIRES

Recommended operating tire pressure is approximately 12 p.s.i. (check sidewall of tire for tire manufacturer's recommended pressure). Maximum tire pressure under any circumstances is 30 p.s.i. Equal tire pressure should be maintained on all tires.

When installing a tire to the rim, be certain rim is clean and free of rust. Lubricate both the tire and rim generously. Never inflate to over 30 p.s.i. to seat beads.



**WARNING:** Excessive pressure (over 30 p.s.i.) when seating beads may cause tire/rim assembly to burst with force sufficient to cause serious injury.

## BELT REPLACEMENT

### DECK BELTS (See figure 27)

1. Remove the deck from the tractor by following "Attaching the Deck" instructions in the Assembly section in reverse order.
2. Remove the left hand pulley cover by unhooking the spring and removing five self-tapping screws. See figure 27.
3. Remove the first drive belt.
4. Remove the right hand pulley cover by removing three self-tapping screws.
5. Pivot the spring-loaded idler, and lift belt off.
6. Remove the belt from around the three deck pulleys.
7. Reassemble new belts in reverse order.

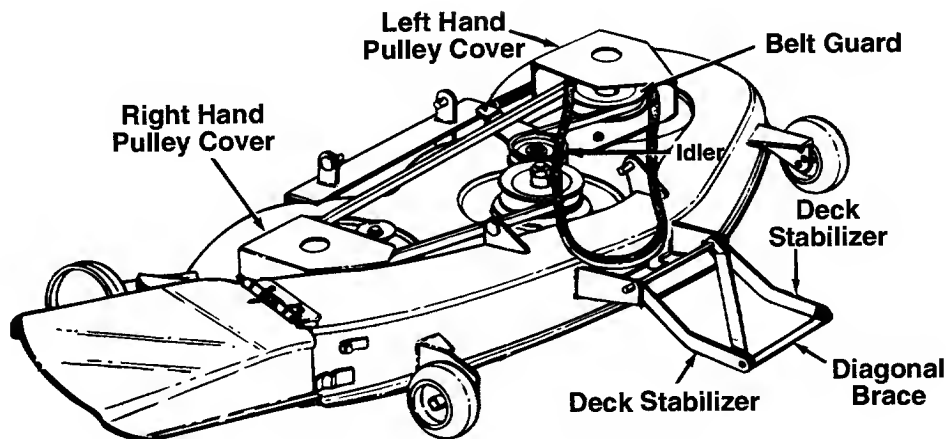


FIGURE 27.

### DRIVE BELT (See figure 28)

1. Depress the clutch pedal and set parking brake.
2. Remove the deck from the tractor by following "Attaching the Deck" instructions in the Assembly section in reverse order.
3. Raise and block the front wheels of the tractor so you can work under it.
4. Remove the four self-tapping screws which hold the belt keeper assembly to the frame at the engine pulley. Push the belt keeper assembly forward, out of the way. See figure 28.
5. Loosen the hex bolt which acts as a belt keeper by the front idler pulley.
6. Loosen the rear idler pulley. Remove the belt from around both idler pulleys.
7. Model 145Y834P Only: Unplug the electric PTO.
8. Roll belt up off engine pulley, onto the pulley hub to obtain slack in the belt.
9. Remove belt from the transmission pulley, lifting the belt up over the fan on top of the pulley.
10. Remove belt from the engine pulley.

Reassemble using a new belt, following instructions in reverse order.

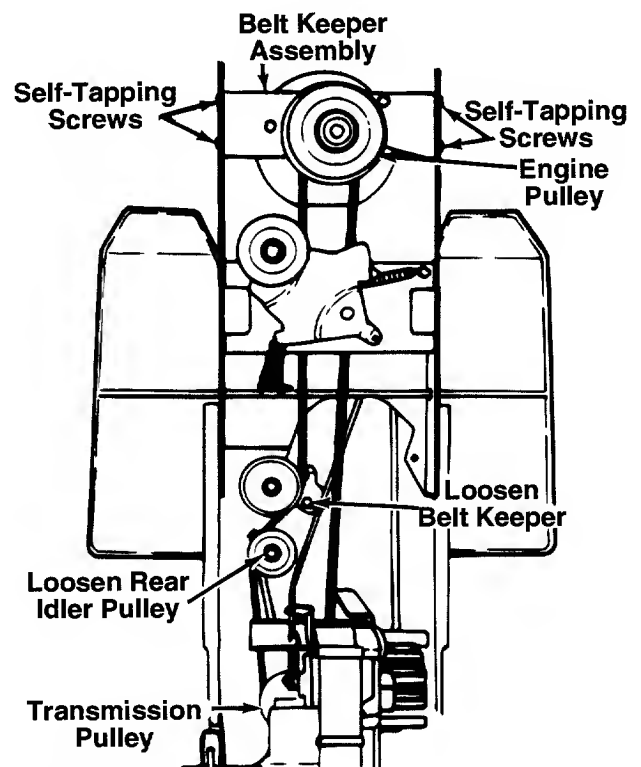


FIGURE 28.

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## OFF-SEASON STORAGE

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If the machine is to be inoperative for a period longer than 30 days, prepare for storage as follows.

1. Clean the engine and the entire unit thoroughly.
2. Lubricate all lubrication points. Wipe the entire machine with an oiled rag to protect the surfaces.
3. Refer to the engine manual for correct engine storage instructions. The engine must be completely drained of fuel to prevent gum deposits from forming on essential carburetor parts, fuel lines and fuel tanks.
4. **Charge battery fully.** The battery loses some of its charge each day when the unit is not used. NEVER store battery without a full charge. Recharge battery before returning to service or every two months, whichever occurs first.
5. Store unit in a clean, dry area. Do not store next to corrosive materials, such as fertilizer.

**NOTE:** When storing any type of power equipment in an unventilated or metal storage shed, care should be taken to rustproof the equipment. Using a light oil or silicone, coat the equipment, especially any chains, springs, bearings and cables.

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## OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

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At the time of manufacture of tractor, the following optional equipment is available.

Description	Model No.
40" Single Stage Snow Thrower	190-832-000
45" Two Stage Snow Thrower	190-831-000
48" Dozer Blade	190-840-000
Grass Collector for <u>46" Deck Only</u>	190-083-000
Tire Chains—23 x 9.5	190-964-000
100 lb. Wheel Weights	190-784-000
Sleeve Hitch Kit	190-929-000
Electric Lift Kit	190-749-000
Row Crop Cultivator	190-984-000
28" PTO Driven Rear Mounted Tiller	190-756-000
38" 8 HP Rear Mounted Tiller	190-766-000
Single Disc Harrow	190-980-000
10" Moldboard Plow	190-978-000
Gang Reel (Set of three)	45-0195*
38" Lawn Sweeper	45-0222*
Heavy Duty Lawn Roller	45-0179*
Heavy Duty Dump Cart	45-0171*
Tine De-Thatcher	45-0186*

\*Available through your local dealer or from Agri-Fab Inc., 303 W. Raymond Street, Sullivan, Illinois 61951.

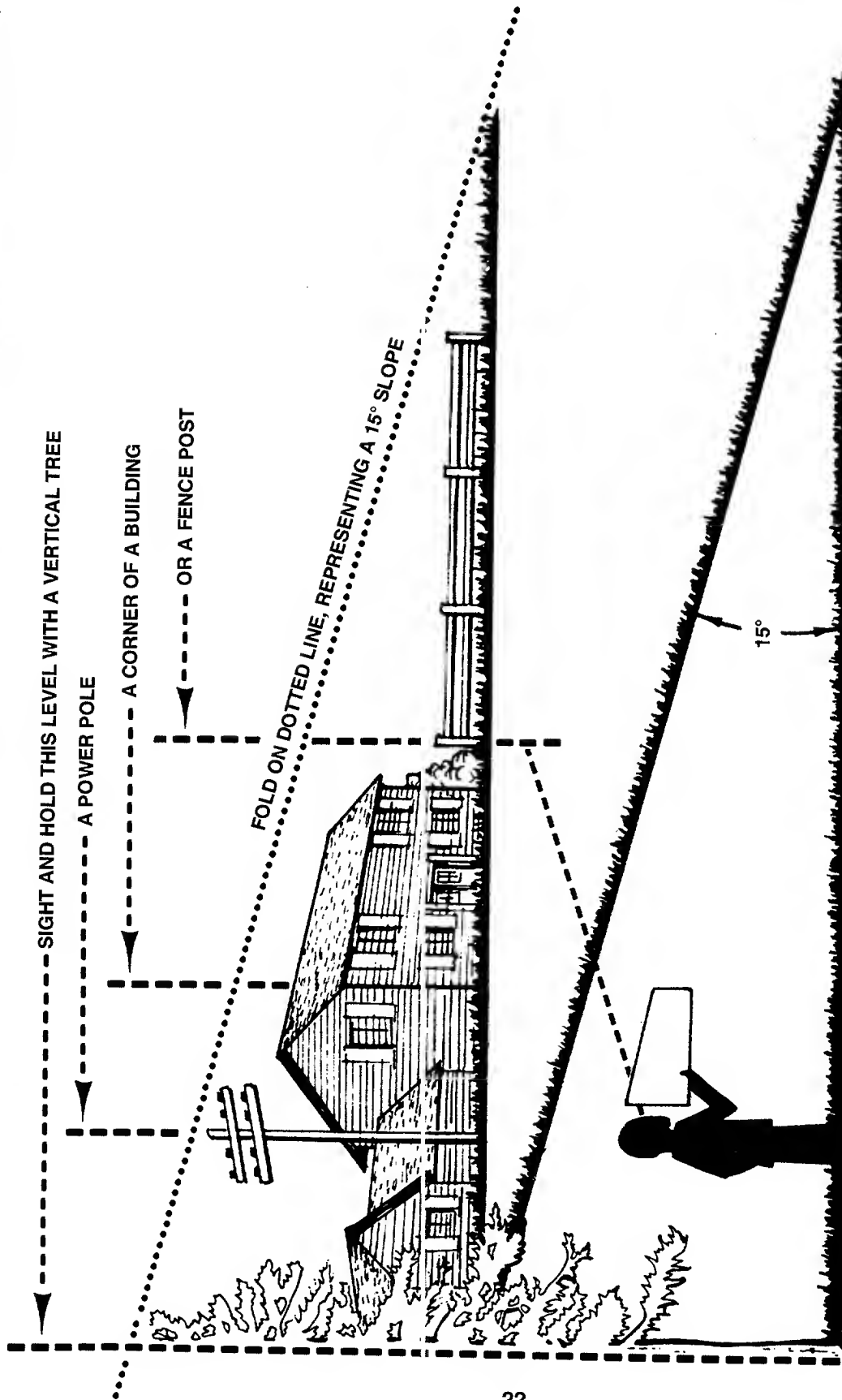
# TROUBLE SHOOTING GUIDE

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE(S)	CORRECTIVE ACTION
Engine will not crank	Safety switch button not depressed	There are two switches in the starting circuit of your unit: the clutch pedal switch and the deck lift lever switch. Make certain the actuator is fully depressing the buttons on each switch.
	Battery installed incorrectly	The battery must be installed with negative terminal attached to black ground wire. Negative terminal is identified at the post by "NEG", "N" or "-". The positive terminal, identified by "POS", "P" or "+", must be attached to the big red wire which goes to the solenoid.
	Battery is dead or weak	Check fluid level in battery. If fluid is low, fill to UPPER LEVEL line with water. Charge with taper charger until fully charged.
	Blown fuse or circuit breaker	Replace fuse with 7-1/2 amp. automotive type fuse. Fuses seldom fail without a reason. The problem must be corrected. Check for loose connections in the fuse holder. Replace fuse holder if necessary. A dead short may be in the cranking or charging circuit where the insulation may have rubbed through and exposed the bare wire. Replace the wire or repair with electrician's tape if the wire strands have not been damaged. Note: Look for a wire pinched between body panels, burned by the exhaust pipe or muffler or rubbed against a moving part.
	Engine ground wire loose	Engine should have a black ground wire running from engine to frame or mounting bolt.
Engine cranks but will not start	Throttle or choke not in starting position	Check owner's guide for correct position for throttle control and choke for starting.
	No spark to spark plug	Spark plug lead disconnected. Connect lead. Hold spark plug lead away from engine block about 1/8". Crank engine. There should be a spark. If not, have engine repaired at authorized engine service dealer.  Faulty spark plug. To test, remove spark plug. Attach spark plug lead to spark plug. Ground the spark plug body against the engine block. Crank the engine. The spark plug should fire at the electrode. Replace if it does not.
	No fuel to the carburetor	Gasoline tank empty. Fill. Fuel line or in-line fuel filter plugged. Remove and clean fuel line. Replace filter if necessary.
	Air filter dirty	If the air cleaner is dirty, the engine may not start. Clean or replace as recommended by the engine manufacturer.
Engine smokes	Engine loses crankcase vacuum	Dipstick not seated or broken. Replace defective part. Engine breather defective. Replace.
Excessive vibration	Bent or damaged blade spindle	<b>Stop engine immediately.</b> Check all pulleys, blade adapters, keys and bolts for tightness and damage. Tighten or replace any damaged parts.
	Bent blade	<b>Stop engine immediately.</b> Replace damaged blade. Only use original equipment blades.
Mower will not discharge grass or leaves uncut strips	Engine speed low Speed selection Blades short or dull	Throttle must be set at full throttle. Use lower ground speed. The slower your ground speed, the better the quality of cut. Sharpen or replace blades (uncut strip problem only).

If the above steps fail to correct the problem, take the unit to your local authorized service dealer for repair.

USE THIS PAGE AS A GUIDE TO DETERMINE SLOPES WHERE YOU MAY NOT OPERATE SAFELY.

# SLOPE GAUGE



Do not mow on inclines with a slope in excess of 15 degrees (a rise of approximately 2-1/2 feet every 10 feet). A riding mower could overturn and cause serious injury. If operating a walk-behind mower on such a slope, it is extremely difficult to maintain your footing and you could slip, resulting in serious injury.

Operate RIDING mowers up and down slopes, never across the face of slopes.  
Operate WALK-BEHIND mowers across the face of slopes, never up and down slopes.



# MANUFACTURER'S LIMITED WARRANTY

For TWO YEARS from the date of retail purchase within the United States of America, its possessions and territories, YARD-MAN will, at its option, repair or replace, for the original purchaser, free of charge, any part or parts found to be defective in material or workmanship. This warranty covers units which have been operated and maintained in accordance with the owner's instructions furnished with the unit, and which have not been subject to misuse, abuse, commercial use, neglect, accident, improper maintenance or alteration.

Normal wear parts or components thereof are subject to separate terms as noted below in the "No Fault Ninety Day Consumer Warranty" clause.

Two year consumer warranty on normal wear parts with ninety day no fault protection. All normal wear part failures will be covered on this product for a period of 90 days regardless of cause. After 90 days but within the two year warranty period, normal wear parts failures will be covered if caused by defects in material or workmanship of other component parts. Normal wear parts are defined as belts, blades, blade adapters, grass bags, rider deck wheels, seats and tires.

**How to obtain service:** Warranty service is available, with proof of purchase, through your local authorized service dealer. To locate the dealer in your area, please check the yellow pages or contact the Customer Service Department of YARD-MAN, P.O. Box 368022, Cleveland, Ohio 44136-9722. Phone 1 (800) YARD-MAN. The return of a complete unit will not be accepted by the factory unless prior written permission has been extended by the service department of YARD-MAN.

**Transportation charges:** Transportation charges for the movement of any power equipment unit or attachment are the responsibility of the purchaser.

**Units exported out of the United States:** YARD-MAN does not extend any warranty for products sold or exported outside of the United States of America, its possessions and territories, except those sold through YARD-MAN'S authorized channels of export distribution.

#### Other Warranties:

1. The engine or component parts thereof carry separate warranties from their manufacturers. Please refer to the applicable manufacturer's warranty on these items.
2. Log splitter pumps, valves and cylinders or component parts thereof are covered by a one year warranty.
3. Batteries are covered by a 90-day replacement warranty.
4. All other warranties, express or implied, including any implied warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose, are hereby expressly disclaimed in their entirety.
5. The provisions as set forth in this warranty provide the sole and exclusive remedy of YARD-MAN'S obligations arising from the sales of its products. YARD-MAN will not be liable for incidental or consequential loss or damage.

**How state law relates to this warranty:** This limited warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state. Certain disclaimers are not allowed in some states and therefore they may not apply to you under all circumstances.

**NOTE:** This warranty does not cover routine maintenance items such as lubricants, filters, blade sharpening and tune-ups, or adjustments such as brake adjustments, clutch adjustments or deck adjustments. Nor does this warranty cover normal deterioration of the exterior finish due to use or exposure.

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**YARD-MAN** CLEVELAND, OHIO 44136

Model No.	V834H	W834P	Y834P
Engine Oil (SAE 30)	737-0208	737-0208	737-0208
Ignition Key	725-1341B	725-1341B	725-1341B
Throttle Control Wire	746-0634	746-0630	746-0630
Battery (275 Cold Crank Amps)	725-1635	725-1635	725-1635
Steering Wheel	731-0806A	731-0806A	731-0806A
Steering Wheel Insert	731-0955	731-0955	731-0955
Front Wheel Bearing	741-0516 (4)	741-0516 (4)	741-0516 (4)
Hub Cap Front	634-0084	634-0084	634-0084
Hub Cap Rear	634-0086	634-0086	634-0086
Head Lamp Bulbs	725-0963 (2)	725-0963 (2)	725-0963 (2)
Drive Belt	754-0435	754-0435	754-0435
Upper Deck Belt	754-0350	754-0291A	754-0291A
Lower Deck Belt	754-0349	754-0364	754-0364
Outer Blades	742-0542	742-0171B	742-0171B
Center Blade	742-0543	742-0171B	742-0171B

For Optional Equipment Available, Refer to Page 20.

**For Parts, Accessories or Service Information,**



**CALL NOW!**

**1 (800) 800-7310**

**8:00 AM to 8:00 PM Eastern Time  
Monday through Saturday  
(off-season hours may vary)**

The only way to insure the performance of your product is to use original equipment parts and accessories, which are designed and engineered to exacting specifications. When you substitute, you take a chance on quality, reliability, safety and performance. Use original equipment parts—See your local service dealer.